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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

GROUP: 2818

Hiichiro SHIROTA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/648,510

EXAMINER: HO, TU TU V

FILED: August 27, 2003

FOR: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE INCLUDING
IMPROVED GATE ELECTRODE

**APPLICATION OF PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1308.01 MPEP**

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Sir:

The above-identified application was withdrawn from Issue after payment of the Issue Fee in the amount of \$1700.00 (Issue Fee \$1400.00 + Pub Fee \$300.00).

The application has now been allowed again and since a refund of the previously paid Issue Fee has not been requested, it is now requested that the previously paid Issue Fee be applied to the Issue Fee being paid herewith

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In re Application of
Fumitaka Arai et al
Application No. 10/648,510
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This is a decision on the petition, filed August 16, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on April 21, 2005 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

The examiner of Technology Center AU 2818 will consider the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

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¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).